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TAGS: PFOR US UG

SUBJECT: ANOTHER TELEGRAM FROM PRESIDENT AMIN TO
PRESIDENT NIXON

REF: KAMPALA 1543

1. COPY OF TELEGRAM OBTAINED FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY INDICATES IT WAS TELEXED TO UGANDA EMBASSY WASHINGTON MAY 6 FOR DELIVERY TO PRES. NIXON.
 2. GENERAL AMIN'S SOP IS GENERALLY TO REPLY IN SOME FASHION TO ANY CRITICISM OF HIMSELF OR HIS POLICIES. SENDING OF TELEGRAMS IS ONE OF Milder FORMS OF RESPONSE IN WHICH HE INDULGES, Milder IN SENSE THAT WHILE THEY ARE OFFENSIVE IN LANGUAGE THEY USUALLY HAVE NO FURTHER CONSEQUENCES.
 3. THIS TELEGRAM IS CLEARLY A RESPONSE TO PRESS REPORTS OF BRIEF SECTION ON UGANDA IN PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT, AS STATED IN FIRST PARAGRAPH OF TELEGRAM. IN INTRODUCING TELEGRAM ON MAY 6 BROADCASTS ANNOUNCER STATED IT WAS SENT " ON THE STAND MR. NIXON TOOK AGAINST UGANDA AS A RESULT OF THE EXPULSION OF THE NON- CITIZEN ASIANS FROM UGANDA." AMIN IS ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE ON THE ASIAN ISSUE BECAUSE HE IS CONVINCED WHAT HE DID WAS RIGHT AND EVERYONE SHOULD RECOGNIZE CORRECTNESS OF HIS ACTIONS IN THIS REGARD. CONTENT OF LATEST TELEGRAM INDICATES IT WAS INSPIRED AND DRAWN UP BY AMIN HIMSELF, ALTHOUGH STYLE IN SOME PASSAGES IS NOT CHARACTERISTIC OF HIS
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USE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

4. IN VIEW INSULTING CONTENT AND NOXIOUS TONE OF TELEGRAM,
SUGGEST MOST DIGNIFIED RESPONSE WOULD BE TO IGNORE IT.
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